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Subject: Ballot Measure Disclosure Reports for 501(c)(3) organizations

Dear Mr. Woodlock,

On behalf of Books Not Bars (an Ella Baker Center campaign), I urge you to extend the more favorable "event-based" reporting status to 501(c)(3) organizations. The Ella Baker Center for Human Rights is a strategy and action center working for justice, opportunity and peace in urban America. Its Books Not Bars campaign promotes alternatives to youth incarceration in California.

As currently constructed, only 501(c)(4) organizations are able to avoid having to file on-going ballot measure disclosure reports while 501(c)(3) organizations do not share the same exemption. 501(c)(3) organizations have an important voice in the ballot measure process. By stifling the 501(c)(3) organizations with overly burdensome disclosure rules, it unfairly discriminates against these organizations. On going reporting requirements may discourage these organizations from participating in the ballot measure process.

I urge your full reconsideration of this issue and allow the alternative reporting to be available to 501(c)(3) organizations.

Thank you for your time,

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